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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 28th September 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Fisheries development plan

* 265 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of the plan for the development of fisheries under the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the Plan on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A paper [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI A. RATNAM : இது சம்பந்தமாக அண்மையில் ராஜாஜி ஹாலில் ஏதாவது ஒரு மகாநாடு நடந்ததா ? Fishermen's league அதில் பங்கெடுத்துக் கொண்டார்களா ? அவர்களுடைய கோரிக்கை என்ன என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அண்மையில் ராஜாஜி ஹாலில் ஒரு மகா நாடு நடந்தது. அது fisheries-ஐப் பற்றியது. அதை நடத்தியது மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தினர். அதன் விவரங்கள் என்னிடமில்லே.

Working of co-operative institutions

* 266 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that certain co-operative institutions in the State have been working at a loss even after lending the services of the Departmental Officers to assist them in their proper working; and

(*b*) if so, the number of such institutions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Sixty-eight in 1954–55.

Electric power

* 267 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri K. Vinayakam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that electric power is staggered in the Tiruvallur area including Poondi?

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 531–535 infra.

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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : At present, the answer is in the negative. But staggering restrictions were in force during the period 1st April to 29th June 1956 on account of low water storage in the hydel reservoirs. These restrictions are no longer in force.

Maintenance of temples in areas of Travancore-Cochin State to be incorporated in Madras State

* 268 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sent any communication to the Travancore-Cochin State during the year 1956 with regard to the maintenance of 1,500 temples in five taluks of Travancore-Cochin State that are proposed to be incorporated in the Madras State after the Reorganization of States;

(b) whether this matter was referred to the Central Government for a fair solution; and

(c) whether the Government have been asked to give a share to the New Kerala State for the maintenance of these temples?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) to (c) Under Article 238 (10) & (11) of the Constitution, a sum of Rs. 51 lakhs stood charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Travancore-Cochin State and this was payable by that State to the Travancore Devaswom Board annually for the maintenance of the temples in that State. At a meeting held at New Delhi in May 1956 by the Government of India with the representatives of the Governments of Madras and the Travancore-Cochin, the following decisions have been reached :—

(1) The liability of the Madras Government and that of the New Kerala Government to contribute towards the maintenance of the temples in the areas situated in their respective jurisdictions should be fixed at Rs. 13·5 lakhs and Rs. 37·5 lakhs respectively.

(2) The assets of the Travancore-Cochin Devaswom Board should be divided between the Madras State and the Kerala State in the ratio of 13·5 : 37·5.

9–10 a.m. SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, it seems that the Government have written to the Travancore-Cochin Government regarding the maintenance of the temples. May I know whether this Government have received any reply and, if so, why this Government's share has been reduced?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : This is the arrangement which has been agreed to by the representatives of the Government of Madras and the Government of Travancore-Cochin. I do not know what answer the hon. Member expects from me and to which point the hon. Member refers. There is no paper pending with the Government of Madras in this matter.